

RACCOONERS IN TRAIN WRECK.

LOSS OF LIFE PREVENTED BY COOLNESS OF THE ENGINEER.

Special to Belmont Park, With 5,000 aboard, Runs Into Half Open Switch at Woodhull Junction—Fireman May Die of Wounds—Many are Injured.

More than eight hundred raccoons, bound for Belmont Park on the first special train to leave on the Atlantic avenue line yesterday, whatever their fortune at the track, can consider themselves lucky to be alive this morning. At Woodhull Junction, twenty minutes out from the Flatbush avenue station, they were involved in a wreck which was saved from causing great loss of life only by the good judgment and coolness of George Valentine, the engineer.

Ordinarily the train passes Woodhull Junction at a rate of thirty to forty miles an hour, and yesterday a clear signal was set for the engineer, despite the fact that the switch had not been adjusted for him. But Valentine happened to recall that at that place the company is preparing to equip the line with electricity, laying a third rail and replacing some of the old rails of the tracks. He considered it advisable to slow up while approaching the station and at the same time kept a sharp lookout on the track ahead. Though he did not discover the condition of the switch until close upon it, nevertheless he had time to apply the brakes and close the throttle.

What followed was thrilling enough for all the passengers and painful enough for some, but was only a small portion of the havoc and loss that might have been caused but for the engineer's action. The engine left the track at the switch, leaping in the air and then plunging along the south side of the Atlantic avenue tracks a hundred feet. The tender followed, separating from the engine and veering to the other side of the track, and behind pushed ten ancient and frail passenger coaches which the company has pressed into service for use to the tracks.

After he had done his full duty Engineer Valentine jumped, at the same time calling upon the fireman, James Demelt, to do likewise. Valentine landed on soft earth and got off without a scratch. Demelt was not so fortunate. He was on the tool box alongside the boiler, and as the engine came to earth after leaving the track he was thrown about twenty-five feet, landing on a track and sustaining injuries from which he may die.

The first four of the passenger coaches left the track, careened to one side, but righted themselves. Though the cars were of light construction, the headway was not sufficient to telescope them, and only the platforms of the first three were jammed together. Conductor James Baro of Jamaica and Robert Bateman of 240 Hart street, Brooklyn, were on the rear platform of the first car, but were thrown off by the first shock. The conductor was merely bruised. Bateman got off with a cut on the leg, which did not prevent him from going home.

The passengers in the forward cars were piled up in the front ends in a tangled mass and very few of them escaped without slight bruises. In the last car all the windows were broken; passengers were hurled from their seats and there was a pandemonium of screams. In the first car panic was quieted by a loudvoiced man shouting:

"Most of us seem to be alive and kicking now, and it's all over."

In the second car some of the women, frantically endeavoring to get out by the windows, were restrained by other passengers, and all then made their way out in reasonably good order. In the four rear cars the passengers were not jostled so severely, nor was there so great confusion, though the sudden stopping of the train threw John H. Polman of Wellington, N. J., with such force that his nose was broken against the back of a seat. Police station had his reserves on the scene in a short time and ambulances arrived from St. Mary's and Jamaica hospitals. Several physicians not attached to these hospitals also assisted in caring for the injured. Because the physicians were not working under one general authority it was impossible to secure a complete list of the injured. On the part of many of the injured, too, there was an aversion to giving names. They had cuts and sprains and were in need of first aid and then proceeded either to the track or home. Several of them said that disclosure of their names in a crowd going to the races might cause them business embarrassment.

Borough Inspector Adam A. Cross hastened to the scene, and at various times through the afternoon ordered out the reserves of the seventy-fifth, seventy-sixth and seventy-seventh precincts and the seventy-seventh sub-station. Late in the afternoon some of these were relieved by reserves from Brooklyn.

Inspector Cross was inclined to place the blame for the accident on Henry Ralph, the signalman, and ordered his arrest on a charge of criminal negligence. Ralph was in charge of the switch which separates the tracks of the Atlantic avenue division from those of the Rockaway division, the tracks diverging a short distance west of the station.

The interlocking system, conducted from the tower, had been dispensed with pending completion of the repairs. Ralph had the switch for a train on the Rockaway division and after this had passed, neglected, it is said, to put it in position for the last train. Instead he was in the tower, began talking with the towerman, Peter T. Mackin, and the towerman gave the oncoming train a clear signal. Neither discovered the condition of the switch until the train was close upon the switch.

Mackin then ran from the tower, but was unable to reach the switch in time. He had a narrow escape from death, for he would have been struck had the engine veered to the north instead of southward. Ralph, by the way, was paralyzed at the apparently impending calamity and could not move.

Ralph was taken to the Richmond Hill police station. Late in the afternoon he was released on bail. Though he declared that he had not touched the switch, officials of the road consider him mistaken. If the switch had been open, they say, the train would have passed safely along the Rockaway division. It is considered certain, therefore, that the switch was moved to such an extent that the rails were connected with neither track.

A large number of the passengers were bookmakers, their assistants or associates anxious to reach the track early, and soon after the accident there was as much complaint over the delay in reaching the track as over the injuries. They offered rare opportunities for owners of conveyances at the junction, for the railroad officials, as it turned out, were unable to transport them speedily.

Finally, the company made up a special, which was backed up to East New York and sent around by another division. This train reached the track at 3:30, behind all the other track specials, which also were sent on a circuitous route, arriving about an hour late.

Supt. Hardenstein went to the scene of the wreck on a wrecking train from Long Island City, and cleared the wreckage and repaired the track. By a clock one track had been opened, and this was used by both regular and special trains the rest of the day.

This is the list of injured as reported at the Richmond Hill station and taken to St. Mary's Hospital:

Demelt, James, fireman, Cold Spring Harbor, compound fracture of the arm, fractures of ribs and contusion of the right side. Not expected to recover.

Green, George J., 1409 Broadway, Brooklyn, sprained ankle.

Hill, Amelia, 339 Liberty avenue, Brooklyn, contusion of left shoulder.

Lewis, Moses, bookmaker, member of the

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Metropolitan Association, fracture of right arm.

Shahon, A., 614 Forty-second street, Brooklyn, contusion of right side.

Polman, John H., Wellington, N. J., nose fracture.

Scherlein, Albert, Elizabeth, N. J., wrist sprained and back hurt.

THINKS NAN HELD PISTOL.

Justice Davis B. Heves She Lied and Truth Would Have Acquitted Her.

Supreme Court Justice Vernon M. Davis was the guest of honor last night at the monthly dinner of the Phi Delta Phi Club at the Hotel Marlborough. The first trial of Nan Patterson took place before him and he told some of his impressions of the case.

He said that Prosecutor Rand tried Nan Patterson properly and he defended the Assistant District Attorney from criticisms that have been made.

"You can't prosecute a criminal without telling what you believe to be the truth," said Justice Davis. "In the second trial before me the defendant went on the stand and it was quite obvious that she was telling falsehoods from the beginning to the end. The very air seemed charged with the fact that she was lying."

"Yet she was a woman. She was young. It was natural that the public should sympathize with her. People seemed to know that she was not telling the truth, and the great public of New York said, 'Why shouldn't she lie? Let her lie. Let her get the benefit of her lies.'"

But to-day, in the light of the last disagreement, I feel sure that most people are convinced, that a majority of the people believe, that the pistol that killed Caesar Young was held by Nan Patterson; was discharged by her, was bought by J. Morgan Smith, in an attempt to get money from Caesar Young for the support of the combined family.

"I don't mean to say that she took the pistol from the reticule and shot him in the side, but I do believe she had the pistol and showed it to Caesar Young. An argument followed and he took hold of it. In the conversation and consequent struggle the pistol went off and the man was killed."

"I believe, moreover, that had she told the story on the witness stand as it really happened—in other words, had she told the truth—the second jury would have acquitted her. She adhered to her lies, and instead of getting an acquittal there was a disagreement."

END OF THE EARTH'S DINE.

Poulney Bigelow's Borneo Experience Told—Captain Peary's New Ship.

The End of the Earthers had their annual dinner in the Hotel Savoy last evening and representatives from Buffalo, Harlem, Borneo, the North Pole and a number of outlying districts were there, with Poulney Bigelow from Munich in the chair.

The speeches were in the nature of a monologue by Mr. Bigelow, broken at intervals by Mr. Metcalfe from Palestine, Harry Gaylord from Buffalo, Capt. Franklin from China and West Point, Commander Peary from the North Pole, Prof. Canfield of Columbia University from Harlem, and the "Grand Old Man of Borneo," as Mr. Bigelow called Granville Altman.

Mr. Bigelow told a true snake story about a python thirty feet long that climbed a camphor tree as tall as the Times Building and swallowed a lighted lantern which burned through the snake's intestines and set the tree on fire, thereby imperiling his Bigelow's life, which surely would have been lost had not Altman seen the flames from a distance of fifty miles and arrived on the scene just in time to rescue the Kaiser's friend from his deadly peril.

The rest of Mr. Bigelow's speech was devoted to the consular service in Asia, the English language, the North Pole, the availability of the Englishman abroad, impending war with Germany and a few kindred topics, the whole illuminated by many anecdotes and ripe, well established jests.

Admiral Chadwick said that Mr. Bigelow had been on his, the Admiral's, ship at Tangier for a month, and in that month had come to know more about the navy than he, Chadwick, had been able to learn in all his forty years' service. Admiral Chadwick said that Gen. Albert L. Mills of West Point had given him \$5 a ticket to New York and forty-eight minutes to get ready in and had then started him to take Gen. Mills' place at the banquet.

Mr. Metcalfe said that a police magistrate was holding up his criminal conspiracy suit against the theaters and that as soon as the Supreme Court to find out whether a theater was a public place of entertainment or a private enterprise.

Commander Peary told of the shrinking effect of midsummer arctic cold on the human body, and said that the arctic ship Roosevelt, recently launched, was the best craft for arctic work ever built and that he had strong hopes of getting to the North Pole with the ship's aid this summer.

FLUNG FROM SUBWAY TRAIN.

Young Man Jumped on Last Platform and Curve Threw Him Off—Badly Injured.

As an uptown subway express pulled out of the Bidge station last night a man leaping himself on the rear platform of the last car. The door was closed and when the train struck the sharp curve the man took a trip through the air and landed in a heap between the tracks.

Policeman Miller saw the man try to board the train and yelled at him. He ran to him as he lay on the roadbed and found him unconscious. A Hudson street hospital ambulance surgeon said the man was suffering from internal injuries and took him to the hospital. He said he was Harry Tucker, 23 years old, of 470 Warren street, Brooklyn.

KILLED IN P. R. F. TUNNEL.

First Fatal Accident Caused by Huge Stone Becoming Dislodged.

Frank Leto, a laborer living at the corner of Fortieth street and Ninth avenue, was instantly killed last night in the shaft of the Pennsylvania East River tunnel at Thirty-third street and First avenue by a huge stone which became dislodged from the side of the shaft and crashed into the first caisson.

Several other workmen who were in the shaft escaped uninjured. Leto is the first man to meet death in the tunnel, which has been under construction for six months.

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GALLER WITH A MURDER TALE.

Sent Flock of Women Whose Daughters Were Out to Police Station.

A young man who wore good clothes and an aggressive air called on Mrs. Barteldez at 141 West Sixty-second street last night. He pushed in as though he owned the place.

"I'm a police messenger," he said. "I've been sent to tell you that your daughter Louise was in company with an Italian girl who was stabbed to-night in a resort in West Sixty-sixth street. The Italian girl was stabbed in the eye. She was a beautiful blonde. Her body is at the police station and your daughter is locked up there. We want you at the station."

Mrs. Barteldez, whose daughter Louise was not at home last evening, hurried to the West Sixty-eighth street station in a state of nervous tension. She found the approach to the desk choked with other mothers all clamoring to see the body of a beautiful blond Italian girl and to get their daughters out of jail. The sergeant was trying to tell them that there was no dead Italian girl in the back room, that there hadn't been any stabbing in West Sixty-sixth street and that something was wrong somewhere. The door burst open just then and Mrs. Lawlor, Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. Thomas, all from the same house in Amsterdam avenue, rushed in looking for daughters and beautiful blond Italian girls. In a minute there were two more.

As soon as Sergt. Stevenson got them quiet, he discovered that they had all got this information from a stout, well-dressed young man, who said that he was a police messenger. It seemed that he had traveled from house to house and flat to flat, telling the same tale. Detectives Coleman, Douglas and Davis went out to hunt for him and see if he had robbed the flats after the women came away.

The women said that their visitor appeared to be neither crazy nor drunk.

HARVARD TO YALE—\$10,000.

Donated by Graduate of Former to Promote Good Feeling.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 15.—The Yale Corporation announced this afternoon a gift of \$10,000 by a Harvard graduate, name not given, for the purpose of cementing the good feeling between Harvard and Yale.

The corporation has decided that the best way to bring about this good feeling is by having lecturers from Harvard speak at Yale. President Eliot will be the first lecturer.

Yale officials also announced to-day that the fifth estate had been purchased for the university at a cost of about \$225,000. This property is just north of the Yale campus and contains three acres. It was purchased by William M. Barnum of New York, Yale '72, Gifford Pinchot of Washington, '88; Lewis S. Welch of this city and Secretary Stokes of the corporation. They have started to raise the funds and when successful will present the property to Yale on behalf of the graduates of the university. A section of the property will be set apart for the large and the audience added their voices to his.

There was an uproar in the music hall when the special policeman of the house dragged a man from the stage. He fought so to free himself that he was arrested. In the West 125th street police station he was locked up, charged with disorderly conduct.

NO POLO TEAM FOR ENGLAND.

Foxhall P. Keene's Party Have Given Up the Plan.

The will be no American polo team at Hurlingham this season, either as an individual or Polo Association enterprise. William A. Hazard, secretary of the Polo Association, said yesterday that Foxhall Keene had given up the idea of taking over a team and that it was doubtful even if he would go over on his own account, as he has done for some seasons. The Polo Association has not had any intention of sending over a team this season, but if the Keene party had been organized they would have been permitted to challenge for the Newport cup, if they wished, as representatives of the Polo Association.

Foxhall P. Keene, R. L. Agassiz and Allan Forbes—the two latter Bostonians—have been leaving together at Meadow Brook and Cedarhurst with the view of going to the English round of polo and the international tournament at Paris as a team, together with Joshua Crane, Jr., who is now in England playing court tennis. It was proposed for the three to get into good practice here and then to make a late start with the polo, so that the latter would not have time to be affected by the climatic changes before the Hurlingham match. The spring tournament of the Meadow Brook club will begin next week and Mr. Keene is expected to be on one of the teams.

Alliance Beats the Alleghany In.

Gen. Davis, the retiring Governor of the Panama Canal Zone, arrived last night from Colon on the Alliance. The Alleghany, which got in from Kingston, had a lively race with the Alliance, the boats being in sight of each other for three days. The Alliance anchored about forty minutes before the Alleghany.

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HANDCUFFS ON THE STAGE.

Took Expert Cunning an Hour to Get Them Off—Owner Locked Up.

The audience at Hurling and Seamon's music hall in Harlem wasn't dismissed until after midnight last night and they got the worth of their money. On the bill this week is a man who calls himself Cunning, the jail breaker. He shows how easy it is to get out of all kinds of handcuffs when they are on your wrists if you only know how.

Cunning is not the only stage jailbreaker for he has a rival named Houdini. When Cunning began to do his act last night, he asked any one in the audience to step up and examine the handcuffs he uses, to see that they were the real goods. Then, upon one William Weiss, who it was afterward said was a relative of Houdini, appeared on the stage. He handed Cunning a pair of handcuffs that he produced from his pockets and asked him to put them on and take them off in seven minutes, as Cunning had said he would do with any handcuffs he used.

The audience at first was inclined to think that Weiss stood in with the stage jailbreaker, but when Cunning shook his head and said he couldn't put on and take off the proffered pair of handcuffs in less than an hour and heard Weiss call him a faker, they knew there was something doing. They cheered Weiss and told Cunning to go ahead and make good even if it took him all night to get out of the handcuffs.

He put them on and it took him almost an hour to get them off his wrists. Meantime, the orchestra played and the audience waited to see the end. Finally Cunning took the handcuffs off, but Weiss seemed to think that he had aid in doing so. He put apart the stage and the audience added their voices to his.

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To-morrow night will be army and navy night and Father Chidwick will be on hand to welcome his old army and navy friends. Thursday night, Lieut.-Gov. Bruce has promised to attend and make an address.

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